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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Santa Barbara - Authorities Seize 20 Tons of Marijuana**

(U) Approximately 350,000 plants and 20 tons of processed marijuana were seized on a 40-acre rural property by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department earlier this month. The seizure was so large, it took authorities four days to complete, according to police. It took a 35-person team comprised of detectives, investigators, and wildlife officers to complete the operation. Officials are looking for the owner of the property, along with investigating potential fraudulently obtained cannabis licenses, as well as possible illegal marijuana sales.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [ABC News](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Illinois – Deputy Fatally Shot, Fifth Such Death Nationwide in Last Eight Days**

(U) Avon – Fulton County Sheriff's Deputy Troy Chisum, 39, was responding to a battery and disturbance call at a rural home in Avon, which is about an hour west of Peoria, when he was shot by a suspect inside the home, authorities said. This is the fifth law enforcement officer killed in just eight days across the country. Chisum is the 26th police officer fatally shot in 2019, and the fifth killed in June. Five officers were also fatally shot in January, February, and May.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [ABC News](#)

##### **(U) Illinois – Top Female Leader under 'El Chapo' Pleads Guilty to Drug, Money Laundering Charges**

(U) Chicago – Guadalupe Fernandez Valencia, 59, one of the highest ranking female operatives under infamous Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman pled guilty Wednesday in federal court in Chicago to charges alleging she oversaw the distribution of massive shipments of drugs to the US, and helped launder millions of dollars in proceeds back to Mexico. She was arrested in February 2016 in the northwestern city of Culiacan in the state of Sinaloa, where Guzman had been recaptured a month earlier. Court documents allege the Sinaloa Cartel used jumbo jets, submarines, and tunnels to smuggle massive amounts of drugs, much of which was later distributed in wholesale quantities through a network built by Chicago twins Pedro and Margarito Flores.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [Chicago Tribune](#)

##### **(U) Missouri – Facebook and YouTube Struggled to Remove Live-Streamed Video of Officer's Death**

(U) St. Louis – Facebook and YouTube are dealing with a fresh example of graphic video broadcasting on their platforms after a live-streamed video of Officer Michael Langsdorf bleeding to death after being shot by an armed suspect. Police said the suspect, Bonette Kymbrelle Meeks, fought with officer Langsdorf before managing to stand up over Langsdorf as he lay face down, and fatally shot him in the back of the neck. The chaos following the shooting was live streamed on Facebook by the store's clerk. The clerk and others are heard on the video shouting for help until police arrived. The incident serves as an uncomfortable reminder that social media continues to struggle with extreme violent content.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [Business Insider](#)

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**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Australia – Identitarian Leader Suspected of Forming Terrorist Group with Christchurch Shooter**

(U) Canberra – The Austrian identitarian leader, Martin Sellner, has been subjected to further searches by Austrian police in connection with the Christchurch shooter, according to Austrian media reports and videos on Sellner's own YouTube channel. The investigation has also reportedly widened to include Sellner's US-based fiancée, Brittany Pettibone, and her own alleged connections with Australian far-right figure Blair Cottrell. Sellner was first connected with the Christchurch shooter after it emerged that the accused had made a €1,500 donation to Sellner's Identitarian organization.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) Belgium – Global Opioid Users Double Amid US Drug Crisis**

(U) Brussels – Use of deadly opioid drugs is twice as high worldwide as previously thought, a new UN report said Wednesday, amid a growing synthetic drug crisis in the US. According to the latest World Drug Report, opioids were responsible for around two-thirds of drug-related deaths in 2017. The report classifies opioids as including heroin and legal pain relievers, which does not account for counterfeit prescription opioid pills that often contain illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [WFMZ News](#)

**(U) Brazil – Cocaine Found Aboard Brazil Presidential Plane**

(U) Rio de Janeiro – A Brazilian airman on the Brazil presidential aircraft was caught with 37 bundles of cocaine hidden within his luggage on Tuesday during a brief stop in Spain en route to the Group of 20 summit in Japan, Brazilian and Spanish officials said Wednesday. Authorities in Spain said they had intercepted the cocaine when the airman, Sgt. Manoel Silva Rodrigues, stopped in the city of Seville along with an advance team supporting President Bolsonaro's trip. Brazil is among the world's largest consumer markets for cocaine and a key waypoint for drugs shipped to Europe and Africa.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [New York Times](#)

**(U) Canada – Government Adds White Supremacist Neo-Nazi Groups to List of Terrorist Organizations**

(U) Ottawa – Canada's official list of terrorist organizations now includes a white supremacist neo-Nazi organization and its "armed branch," marking the first time that right-wing extremist groups have appeared on the list. The move comes as the country's national security agencies have increasingly identified right-wing extremism as a threat to Canadian security in their public reports. The updated list also includes three new groups described as Iranian-backed Shia militants.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, [National Post](#)

**(U) Israel – Russia Denies Role in Israeli Airport GPS Jamming**

(U) Ben Gurion – Since early June, GPS signals at the Ben Gurion Airport have been unreliable for pilots and planes. The problem has had a "significant impact" on airport operations, according to Israeli authorities. Russia's ambassador to Israel said the accusation was "fake news." The Israeli Airline Pilots Association said the GPS problems were a "spoofing" attack that produces incorrect location data. The disruption was linked to "electronic warfare" systems Russia used to protect its planes at the Hmeimim airbase in Syria. The military base is about 350km (217 miles) north of Ben Gurion.

SOURCE: 27 June 2019, [BBC](#)

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